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<u>REMARKS</u>

Claims 1, 2, 4, 6, 7, 9 and 11-13 are pending in the above-identified application. Claims

14-16 have been inserted into claims 1, 6 and 13, respectively.

It is respectively submitted that the claims of the present application have now been

placed into condition for allowance. In this regard, it is noted that the US Board of Patent

Appeals and Interferences in its decision of November 7, 2008 stated at page 20 that previously

pending claims 14-16 could not be rejected based on the evidence in the present record. Claims

14-16 have now been inserted into independent claims 1, 6 and 13 as noted above. Thus, it is

requested that the present application be placed into condition for allowance.

If any questions arise in the above matters, please contact Applicant's representative,

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If necessary, the Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies

to charge payment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 02-2448 for any additional

fees required under 37.C.F.R. §§1.16 or 1.17; particularly, extension of time fees.

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